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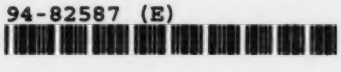

The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 88: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued) (A/C.2/49/L.23, L.31 and L.39)

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft resolution on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (A/C.2/49/L.31)

1. Mr. RAICHEV (Bulgaria), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.31, said that no changes had been proposed; he therefore recommended it for adoption.

2. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.31 was adopted.

(f) INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (continued)

Draft resolution on the programme of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (A/C.2/49/L.23)

3. Mr. RAICHEV (Bulgaria), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.23, drew attention to the following two amendments. In paragraph 5, the phrase "to promote economic growth and sustainable development, including by continuing to promote a favourable climate for foreign investment," should be inserted after the word "measures" in the third line and in paragraph 7, the phrase "new mechanisms and provisions" should be replaced by "new and innovative measures to mobilize resources and promote". He recommended the draft resolution for adoption.

4. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.23, as amended, was adopted.

Draft resolution on industrial development cooperation (A/C.2/49/L.39)

5. Mr. RAICHEV (Bulgaria), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.39, drew attention to the following amendments. In paragraph 2, the phrase "in a positive investment and business climate" should be inserted after the words "industrial development cooperation" in the first line. In paragraph 3, the words "and entrepreneurship" should be inserted in the first line after the word "industrialization". In the third line, the word "productive" should be inserted after the word "employment". The opening words "Calls upon" in paragraph 6 should be replaced by "Invites", and the phrase "and the Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)" should be added at the end of the paragraph.

6. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.39, as amended, was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 89: ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (continued)
(A/C.2/49/L.10/Rev.1, L.25/Rev.1, and L.50)

Draft resolution on fisheries bycatch and discards and their impact on the sustainable use of the world's living marine resources (A/C.2/49/L.50)

7. Ms. WILLIAMS-MANIGAULT (United States of America) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.50, saying that the United States wished to draw the international community's attention to the question of waste in the fishing industry, and added that Bangladesh, Belize, Guyana, Peru and Venezuela had joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution on support for the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) Programme (A/C.2/49/L.10/Rev.1)

8. Mr. HAMBURGER (Netherlands), Vice-Chairman, said that no amendments had been proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.10/Rev.1 and recommended it for adoption.

9. Mr. DE MATOS (Cape Verde) said that Cape Verde wished to join the sponsors of the draft resolution.

10. Miss CHAVES (Colombia) said that Colombia also wished to join the sponsors.

11. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.10/Rev.1 was adopted.

Draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/C.2/49/L.25/Rev.1)

12. Mr. HAMBURGER (Netherlands), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.10/Rev.1, pointed out that the text of the third preambular paragraph should be replaced by the following: "Deeply concerned by the continuing loss of the world's biodiversity and, on the basis of the provisions of the Convention, reiterating the commitment to the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components, as well as the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources". The word "Requests" at the beginning of paragraph 2 should be replaced by "Invites", and, in paragraph 4, the words "through the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Economic and Social Council," should be inserted after "report".

13. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.25/Rev.1, as amended, was adopted.

14. Mr. BELHIMEUR (Algeria) welcomed the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.25/Rev.1 and suggested that since the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity was currently being held in the Bahamas, the Secretariat should be requested to send the text of the draft resolution to it for the information of delegations.

AGENDA ITEM 90: OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (continued) (A/C.2/49/L.4 and L.51)

Draft resolutions on the United Nations Development Programme and the Human Development Report (A/C.2/49/L.4 and L.51)

15. Mr. HAMBURGER (Netherlands), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.51, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.4, and urged the Committee to adopt it by consensus.

16. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.51 was adopted, and draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.4 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

AGENDA ITEM 91: TRAINING AND RESEARCH (continued) (A/C.2/49/L.42 and L.46)

(a) UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH (continued)

Draft resolution on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/C.2/49/L.46)

17. Mr. UKPONG (Nigeria) announced that Guinea, Haiti and Kenya had joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

(b) UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY (continued)

Draft resolution on the United Nations University (A/C.2/49/L.42)

18. Mr. HAMBURGER (Netherlands), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.42, drew attention to two purely formal amendments which had been made to the English text. In paragraph 2, the word "organizations" should be replaced by the word "agencies" and in paragraph 4, the word "General" should be inserted before the word "Assembly". He urged the Committee to adopt the draft resolution, as amended, by consensus.

19. Mr. PANKIN (Russian Federation) said that his delegation wished to join the sponsors of the draft resolution.

20. Mr. SHINODA (Japan) announced that Bolivia and Venezuela had joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

21. Mr. NATHON (Hungary) said that his delegation wished to join the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.42.

22. Mr. FORNER-ROVIRA (Andorra) announced that Andorra had joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

23. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.42, as orally amended, was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued)
(A/C.2/49/L.26/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa
(A/C.2/49/L.26/Rev.1)

24. Mr. BELHIMEUR (Algeria) announced that Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom had joined the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.26/Rev.1.

25. Mr. RAICHEV (Bulgaria), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the informal consultations, said that agreement had been reached on the draft resolution and urged that it be adopted by consensus.

26. Draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.26/Rev.1 was adopted.

27. Mr. S. KHAN (Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development) drew the Committee's attention to paragraph 11 by which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fiftieth session the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization. In the agreed conclusions (1993/2) of the Economic and Social Council on coordination of activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera, the Secretary-General was also requested to prepare a report on the implementation of recommendations to improve coordination in the prevention and control of malaria and diarrhoeal diseases. In the interest of efficiency, he proposed that the Secretary-General should consult the World Health Organization with a view to submitting a single report, under the A and E symbols, to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly.

28. It was so decided.

29. Mr. GHANIM MOHAMED (Sudan) said that he was very pleased at the keen interest shown in the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, not only by members of the Group of 77 but also by all members of the Committee, and recalled that his country had been the first to draw attention to the issue. He was also deeply grateful to the delegation of Benin for its efforts to push the draft resolution and thanked all the countries that had joined in sponsoring it thus lending it greater weight. The Sudan was also highly appreciative of the technical assistance it had received. In the previous year, a new strain of malaria had emerged in the country, one that was resistant to chloroquine, and had affected all sectors of society. Since chloroquine had proved ineffective, it had been necessary to use quinine, which caused kidney damage; as a result hundreds of people had died, in 1993, from kidney failure. The Government had therefore launched a national campaign, led by the President of the Republic, to combat the disease and promote a healthy environment. A national healthy environment day had been proclaimed during which all sectors of society had participated in efforts to eliminate mosquitoes from the infested regions. That was the background to the preparation of the draft resolution. Financial and

medical assistance from donors and the international organizations concerned was necessary in the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases.

30. Mr. .ONTOYA (Colombia) welcomed the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.26/Rev.1, and expressed his Government's gratitude for the mention, in paragraph 6, of the offer made by Dr. Manuel Elkin Patarroyo of Colombia. That official recognition should encourage the latter in his work.

The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.